

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) An orthodontic bracket comprising a fluoropolymer, said bracket exhibiting at least about 0.001% transmittance at 546 nm when measured according to the Transmittance Test Procedure.
2. (Previously Presented) The bracket of claim 1, wherein said bracket exhibits a transmittance of at least about 0.001% over a wavelength range of from 400 nm to 800 nm when measured according to the Transmittance Test Procedure.
3. (Previously Presented) The bracket of claim 1, wherein said bracket exhibits a Delta E color shift of no greater than about 2 when tested according to the Hydrophilic Color Shift Test, and a Delta E color shift of no greater than about 5 when tested according to the Oleophilic Color Test.
4. (Previously Presented) The bracket of claim 1, wherein said fluoropolymer is selected from the group consisting of perfluoroethylene-propylene copolymer, perfluoroalkoxyethylene, ethylene-tetrafluoroethylene copolymer, polyvinylidene fluoride, polyvinyl fluoride, polychlorotrifluoroethylene, ethylene-chlorotrifluoroethylene copolymer, or a combination thereof.
5. (Withdrawn) The bracket of claim 1, wherein said fluoropolymer comprises perfluoroethylene-propylene copolymer.
6. (Withdrawn) The bracket of claim 1, wherein said fluoropolymer comprises perfluoroalkoxyethylene.

7. (Previously Presented) The bracket of claim 1, wherein said fluoropolymer comprises ethylene-chlorotrifluoroethylene copolymer.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Withdrawn) The bracket of claim 1, further comprising a polymeric composition disposed on a surface of said bracket, said polymeric composition comprising an organoborane compound.

10. (Previously Presented) The bracket of claim 1, wherein said bracket exhibits at least about 0.01% transmittance at 546 nm when measured according to the Transmittance Test Procedure.

11. (Withdrawn) The bracket of claim 1, further comprising an organoborane amine complex disposed on a surface of said bracket.

12. (Previously Presented) A method for using an orthodontic bracket, said method comprising:

contacting an orthodontic bracket comprising a fluoropolymer and having an average transmittance of at least 0.001% when measured according to the Transmittance Test Method with a composition comprising an organoborane compound; and

adhering said bracket to a tooth.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said orthodontic bracket exhibits a Delta E color shift of no greater than about 2 when tested according to the Hydrophilic Color Shift Test, and a Delta E color shift of no greater than about 5 when tested according to the Oleophilic Color Shift Test.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said fluoropolymer comprises a fluoropolymer selected from the group consisting of perfluoroethylene-propylene copolymer, perfluoroalkoxyethylene, ethylene-tetrafluoroethylene copolymer, polyvinylidene fluoride,

polychlorotrifluoroethylene, ethylene-chlorotrifluoroethylene copolymer, or a combination thereof.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising
contacting said surface comprising an organoborane compound with a polymerizable composition; and
polymerizing said polymerizable composition to form an adhesive composition.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising
contacting a polyimide film with said composition comprising an organoborane compound prior to adhering said bracket to a tooth.

17. (Currently Amended) An orthodontic article comprising a fluoropolymer selected from the group consisting of perfluoroethylene-propylene copolymer, perfluoroalkoxyethylene, ethylene-tetrafluoroethylene copolymer, polyvinylidene fluoride, polyvinyl fluoride, polychlorotrifluoroethylene, ethylene-chlorotrifluoroethylene copolymer, or a combination thereof, wherein said article comprises a bracket.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) The article of claim 17, further comprising a metallic component.

20. (Original) The article of claim 17, wherein said article exhibits a Delta E color shift of no greater than about 2 when tested according to the Hydrophilic Color Shift Test, and a Delta E color shift of no greater than about 5 when tested according to the Oleophilic Color Shift Test.

21. (Original) The article of claim 17, wherein said article exhibits at least about 0.001% transmittance at 546 nm when measured according to the Transmittance Test Procedure.

22. (Original) The article of claim 17, wherein said article exhibits at least about 0.01% transmittance at 546 nm when measured according to the Transmittance Test Procedure.

23. (Original) The article of claim 17, wherein said article exhibits at least about 0.001% transmittance over a wavelength range of from 400 nm to 800 nm when measured according to the Transmittance Test Procedure.

24-27. (Cancelled)